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PROCEEDINGS

Mount Olive, N. C., October 8th, 1931

At 10:15 the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met on its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session with Winn's Chapel Church. Rev. A. A. Smith, Mcdreator, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. B. Joyner and Rv. D. A. Williams. Rev. Williams introduced services by use of hymn No. 422. Rev. Joyner read Ephesian 5 chapter verses to 14 for a scripture lesson. Rev. Joyner envokd the Devine blessing upon us. The Rev. offered many thanks for past blessings. He begged for Devine guidance. Selction 492, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet It Sounds," etc. The following made expression of thanks for our reassembling: Rev. H. B. Joyner, Brother L. W. Cox, Brother L. S. Swinson, Brother J. H. Coor, Brother Julias Grantham, T I. Patterson.

The Moderator in a few instructive remarks reviewing the expressions set forth some of the objects of our gathering. He pled for peace and harmony to prevail

The meeting was declared opened and ready for the transaction of business.

The roll was called. Collected annual fees, $38.50.

The Finance Committee were appointed. J. H. Coor, L. W. Cox, Julias Grantham, T. I. Pattrson.

At 12 o'clock the association suspended business to hear the introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. T. T. Williams. Rev. Williams declined in favor of Rev. B. F. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kinston. Rev. H. B. Joyner introduced the service by leading hymn No. 293, "Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee." Rev. T. T. Williams read Acts, 26 Chapter, verses 1 to 30.

Prayer by Rev. Williams. The Reverend offered many thanks for past blessings. He pled for the Visitation of the Holy Spirit .

The Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith, now introduced Rev. B. F. Johnson to preach the Introductory Sermon of the association.

Rev. Johnson, after singing a very sweet selection made some preliminary remarks, selected for a text, Act 26, 19 verse. Subject, "Following Your Vision." The Rev. Johnson was instructive in his message. We were urged to follow our vision. Rev. Joyner sang "Sometimes We Stand Before the Judgment Bar."

We now adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. T. T. Williams.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta Chapel—Leslie Hollman, C. J. Walls, 25 cents each.
Atkinson—David Rogers paid 25 cents.
Banks Chapel—C. H. Bryant paid 25 cents.
Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams paid 25 cents.
Best Grove—J. H. Coor, E. C. Foye, 25 cents each.
Buck Hornch—Alonza Kornegay—
Davis Chapel—F. Parks paid 25 cents
Eastern Union—James E. Baker paid 25 cents
Ebenezer—Joyner Forshe paid 25 cents.
First Baptist, Kinston, N. C.—Robert Swinson paid 25 cents.
First Baptist, Eureker—Ceazer Fast paid 25 cents
First Baptist, Dover—
First Baptist, Lucama—C. H. Battle paid 25 cents.

Hooks Grove—Allen Mitchell paid 25 cents
Holly Green—J. C. Cobb paid 25 cents.
Holly Hill—Johney Dawson paid 25 cents
Liberty Grove—A. W. Bizzell paid 25 cents.
Little Creek—
Mt Cavalry—J. W. Woods paid 25 cents.
Mt. Pleasant—L. N. Walters, Levi Thompson, 25 cents each.
Mt. Zion, Kinston, N. C.—H. C. Sutton paid 25 cents.
Piney Grove—By letter.
Princeton Chapel—
Patterson Chapel—Peter Baker paid 25 cents.
Rouse Chapel—N. J. Speight paid 25 cents.
Rountree Chapel—Rev. W. M. Martin paid 25 cents.
Speights Chapel—
St. Delight—J. F. Evans paid 25 cents.
St. Stephen—G. F. Hood paid 25 cents.
Shady Grove—T. A. Adams paid 25 cents.
Winns Chapel—C. V. Brooch, Jessie Slocumb, 25 cents each.
Western Union—J. C. Barnes paid 25 cents.
Womans Home Mission—Mrs. Dora Walter paid $3.00.
Field Agent—Mrs. Daisy Williams, $26.00.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Augusta Chapel—Julias Grantham, 50c, Leslie Hollomon, 50c, V. R. Sheppard, 50c M. J. Ford, 50c, Henry Thompson, 50c, C. J. Walls—

Atkinson Chapel—C. R. Rogers, 50c, H. C. Carroll, 50c, H. Draughn, 50c, W. O. Syke, W. W. Evans.

Banks Chapel—C. H. Bryant, 50c, T. I. Patterson, Bruce Patterson, W. M. Jones, Henry Dawson, 50c.

Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams, 50c, A. Howell, F. D. Truitt, J. C. Barnes, 50c, S. W. Williams, J. S. Smith, A. Battle.

Best Grove—E. C. Foye, 50c, B. B. Best, J. H. Coor, 50c, J. S. Barnes, 50c, J. S. Green.

Buckhorn—Alonza Kornegay, 50c.

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell, Frank Parks, Bryant Bizzell, $1.50.

Ebenezer—F. B. Bell, M. F. Daniels, Green Wooten, Jimmie Harper, $2.00.

First Baptist Eureker—G. B. Exum, 50c, Willie Johnson, 50c, Ceazer Fort, 50c.

First Baptist, Kinston—J. W. Gorham, James Jarman. J. H. Jones, E. D. Whitfield, Robert Swinson, $2.50, paid.

First Baptist, Dover—S. L. Oats, D. J. Joyner.

First Baptist, Lucama—C. L. Battle, Elias Barnes, J. W. Williams, Johnny Newton, Walter Thompson, $2.50.

Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones, 50c, J. H. Aycock, 50c, David Sears, Kate Hamilton 50c Richard Yelverton, 50c.

Holly Green—Moses Brandhurst, J. S. Smith, 50c, J. C. Cobb, J. D. Loften.

Holly Hill—Johnny Dawson, 50c, Willie Dawson, J. W. Williams, Ford Dudley.

Liberty Grove—Frank Bizzell, (exempted), A. W. Bizzell, 50c, Joseph Sutton, 50c, Preston Burntt. e

Little Creek—

Mt. Calvary—George Lane, 50c.

Mt. Plesaant—L. S. Swinson, 50c, M. W. Walters, 50c, Levi Thomp-

son, 50c.

Mt. Zion, Kinston—E. K. Patterson, 50c, Will Hood, 50c, Joe Dawson, 50c, C. L. Lewis, 50c.

Piney Grove—Henry Stewart, 50c, Jasper Jones, 50c, Arthur Williams, 50c, William Moore, 50c, Walter Moore, 50c.

Princeton Chapel, Elizabeth Wembly, Jack Asbury.

Patterson Chapel—J. D. Baker 50c, John Cobb 50c, W. M. Vause 50c, James Andrews, J. E. Baker, Bryant Loften.

Rouse Chapel—John Speight 50c, George Speight 50c, Nathan Moseley 50c, H. B. Taylor 25c, Roben Taylor, John Best.

Rountree Chapel—

Speights Chapel—

St. Delight—J. Frank Evans 50c, Wyatt Williams 50c, Richard Ross 50c, Lewis 50c, Elias Speight 25c.

St. Stephen—Thimoth Underwood 50c, G. F. Hood 50c, Morris Jones 50c, Ciscero Garner 50c, Lem Peels.

Shady Grove—Ned Wooten, C. L. Loften, Fred Isler, Thomas Wooten, T. A. Adams $2.50.

Winns Chapel—C. V. Brooch 50c, R. F. Wilson 50c, J. D. Wright, Jessie Slocumb.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. A. Smith	$2.00	Rev. C. C. Crawford	$2.00
Rev. E. T. Jones	1.00	Rev. A. J. Carlton, Deceased	
Rev. E. H. Hocker		Rev. D. A. Williams	1.00
Rev. C. C. Somerville		Rev. A. G. Howell	
Rev. R. P. Lawson		Rev. P. P. Parks	2.00
Rev. C. H. Branck	2.00	Rev. W. M. Martin	1.00
Rev. T. T. Williams	2.00	Rev. Marshall Gr antham	2.00
Rev. C. C. Gillette	2.00	Rev. W. M. Daniels	2.00
Rev. H. B. Joyner	2.00	Rev. S. D. Loften	2.00
Rev. U. G. Moye	2.00	Rev. A. R. Brant	2.00
Rev. R. W. Pate	2.00	Rev. B. F. Johnson	1.00
J. E. Bowden	2.00	Rev. E. M. Saunders	1.00
Rev. C. W. Brown	1.00	Rev. George Lee	2.00
Rev. R. W. Underwood	1.00	Rev. R. H. Hinton	2.00
Rev. J. O. Badger			

LICENTIATES

Brother General Johnson .....

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Bro. L. W. Cox	$ .25	Sister Daisy Williams	$ .25
Bro. L. W. Sauls		Sister Lola L. Smith	.25
Bro. W. J. Rogers	.25	Sister Annie Grantham	.25
Bro. Fred Isler	.25	Sister Cora A. Smith	
Bro. Julias Grantham	.25	Sister N. A. Aldonia Daniels	
Bro. J. E. Baker	.25	Sister Mary E. Morgan	
Bro. C. H. Lane	.25	Sister Mollie McKinne	
Bro. Walter Rouse	.25		

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:30 Praise Services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Bryant and Rev. Marshall Grantham. Rev. Bryant introduced service by leadnig aymn No. 454, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Rev. Grantham read Corinthens 13, Chapter 1. Prayer by Rev. Grantham. The Reverend prayed for the visitation of the Holy Spirit, second selection, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

The Moderator in a few instructive remarks declared the meeting ready and open for business.

Minutes of the morning session was read and adopted. The roll was collected $14.75.

Rev. R. W. Underwood was introduced and came forward nad brought us greetings from the Neuse River Association.

The Reverend was inspiring in his remarks. The committee on Ordination and New Churches was appointed.

Rev. H. W. Williams of Virginia, was introduced to us. He came forward and gave us some very encouraging remarks. He expressed himself as being glad to be in our midst.

Homes were assigned.

We adjourned. Benediction by Rev. C. C. Crawford.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 7:30 Praise Services began. Many uplifting songs and prayers were offered. Mrs. Maude Kornegay, supervisor of Wayne County was presented as Mistress of Ceremony. The local program is to be rendered by the citizens of Mt. Olive. Mrs. Kornegay presided with much dignity and credit.

The program consisted of welcome by the pastor. Rev. W. C. Summerville and the Rev. Mr. Johnsen, pastor of the First Baptist Church (white) representing his honor, the Mayor of the city. Rev. Johnson assured us that it was a great pleasure to the people of Mt. Olive to have us meet in his city and that we were most cordially welcome. Rev. A. R. Bryant in a few choice words responded to the addresses of welcome.

Dr. William S. Nelson, the president of Shaw University was introduced by the Rev. W. C. Summerville. Dr. Summerville paid a glorying tribute of respect to Dr. Nelson and commended the negro Baptists of North Carolina for their future possibilities of Shaw University.

Dr. Nelson gave us a most excellent address filled with information and inspiration. We were held spell-bound with his eloquence.

Rev. A. A. Smith, the moderator, now presented Rev. U. G. Moye, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, N. C. to preach the Missionary Sermon of the association. Rev. Moye after some preliminaries selected for a text Acts, 16 Chapter, 9th verse. Subject, "Answering the Maced Call." Rev. Moye preached a strong missionary sermon. We were urged to do more missionary work.

Rev. R. W. Underwood sang one of his spirituals.

The following resolution was offered: A motion prevailed that the resolution be received and referred to the committee and constitution and resolutions. Rev. A. R. Bryant and Mr. W. H. Moore lifted a collection, amount $7.56.

We finally adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. U. G. Moye.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:45 Devotionals were conducted by Brother C. L. Battle and Rev. D. A. Williams. Brother Battle introduced services by leading hymn No. 531. Rev. D. A. Williams read Mathew, 18 Chapter, 1 to 18 for a Scripture Lesson. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Williams. The brother pled for peace and harmony.

Second selection, 449, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

The Moderator in a few remarks called for the minutes of Thursday afternoon and night sessions. The minutes were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called, collected $1.00, annual claims and joining fees.

The committee on constitution and resolutions on place and tempernace were appointed.

Dr. E. E. Smith, president of the State Normal School and treasurer of the Baptist State conventions was introduced and presented by Brother E. K. Patterson. Dr. Smith in a graceful manner addressed us. He reviewed the organization of this association. He said he was proud to be with us. He gave us a history of Shaw University, commenting on its presidents from Dr. Tupper to Dr. Nelson., the first negro president. We were urged to support Dr. Nelson.

Dr. Smith was inspiring in his address.

Dr. W. C. Summerville and Rev. E. M. Saunders commented on the address.

Brother E. K. Patterson offered a motion that a special committee be named to purchase a token for Dr. E. E. Smith out of respect for his long service in the State and his leadership as a Baptist.

Committee: Rev. U. G. Moye, Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. R. W. Underwood.

We now suspended business to hear the Sunday School sermon to be preached by Rv. P. P. Parks, assisted by Rv. A. R. Brant. Rev. Bryant sang "A Charge to Keep I Have." Rev. Parks was introduced to preach the Sunday School sermon of the association. Rev. Parks selected for a text Prov. 22 Chapter, 6 verse. Subject, "Now We Should Train Our Children."

Rev. Parks preached a splendid Sunday School sermon. Our hearts rejoiced while the man of God talked with us. By the way, Rev. C. C. Gillette sang "Jesus Keeps Me Alive." Committees and officers were appointd. Total money collected $7.00

Adjourned by Benedictor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 3:00 P. M. the body reassembled. Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. C. H. Branch and Rev. W. M. Martin. Rev. Branch led hymn No. 293. Rev. Martin read John 12, 1 to 7 for a scipture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Martin. Second selection, "Blessed Assurance." The Moderator addressed the body and announced the meeting open and ready for business. Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. The roll was called. Collected $3.50.

The Home Mission made its report through Sister Dora Walters. Amount received $3.00.

The Field Agent, Mrs. Daisy Williams, made her report. Cash

brought forward $26.00. (Se reports).

The committee made their report. The report was received and adopted. The committee on time and placing made its report. They recommended Goldsboro for the next sitting of our session.

The committee on New Churches made their report.

The Western Uni on made their report through Brother J. C. Barnes, amount $2.00.

Brother H. C. Carroll, District Superintendent made his report as District Superintendent. Amount sent $2.00.

The Com. on Con. made its report. The report was received and adopted.

The committee on ordination made its report.

The special committee made its report. They reported a salary for Dr. E. E. Smith, amount not to exceed $15.00.

A special collection was taken for Brother J. H. Jones. Amount collected $10.00. A motion prevailed that the amount be supplemented $15, making $25.00 for Brother Jones.

The report of the Executive Trustees and local boards were made.

The treasurer made his report.

The Finance Committee made their report as follows: Total money $79.81. Interest, Rev. A. A. Smith $27.00; Interest Brother E. K. Patterson $60.00; Woman's Home Mission $3.50; Field Agent $26.00; Western Union $2.00; Representing fees $206.82; Total amount $405.13.

These reports were received nad adopted. The reports on officers were made and adopted as follows: Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith; Vice Moderator, Rev. T. T. Williams; Clerk, Brother E. K. Patterson; Corresponding Secretary, Brother H. Draughn; Treasure,r Brother E. C. Foye; Treasurer Superanuated Funds, Brother H. B. Joyner. See report for various boards and committees.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 8:30 Devotional Exercises were conducted as follows: First selection No. 95, sang by the A. M. E. Methodist Choir of Mt. Olive. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. C. D. Ward; prayer by Rev. A. R. Bryant. The Brother was strong in his pertission. Second selection, "What Has Thou to Show." We are now favored with a duet by Mrs. Berthia Cherry and Mrs. Vincient. Rev. A. R. Bryant was presented. Rev. Bryant brought to us greetings from the New Jersey convention. The Moderator announced that Rev. C. C. Gillette would preach Sunday at 3 P. M. and that Rev. J. E. Bowden would preach at night.

Brothre A. W. Bizzell and Brother Willie Ward now lifted a collection. Amount collected $6.00 (for Winns Chapel). A motion prevailed that this amount be supplemented, $4.00, making $10.00.

A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered to the good people of Mt. Olive for their generosity and hospitality.

The Moderator now introduced Rev. C. W. Brown, pastor of St. Delight Church to preach the Doctrinal Sermon of the convention. The Rev. Mr. Brown after some preliminaries selected for a text 1st Peter, 1st Chapter and 23rd verse.

The Rev. Brown preached a strong sermon on the doctrine of our church.

Prayer by Rev. C. C. Gillette. Rev. Gillette was strong in his petission.

We finally adjourned to meet with the Mount Calvary Baptist Church Goldsboro, N. C. on Thursday before the 2nd Lord Day in October, 1932.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES

At 11:00 A. M. we were favored with music rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, N. C. The choir exhibited quite a bit of training in their rendition.

Rev. A. A. Smith, the Moderator most wonderfully entertained us from Daniel, 2nd chapter, 25th verse. Subject, "I Have Found A Man." Brother Richard Kornegay and Brother William Sampson, of Clinton, N. C. lifted a collection, amount collected $10.78. After collections $6.20. At 3 P. M. we were entertained by the Clinton choir which rendered us some most excellent music. Our hearts were made to burn within as they sang.

Rev. C. C. Gillette, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant and St. Stephen churches preached a soul-stirring sermon from the subject. "Where is Jesus." Collection by Brother J. S. Barnes and rother Freddy Grantham. Amount collected $4.00. At night Rev. J. E. Bowden of Goldsboro, N. C. and pastor of 4 of our popular churches preached a most powerful sermon from Luke, 9th Chapter, 35th verse. Collection by Brothers Willie Ward and Brother Wilson. Amount collected $3.05. Total collection for the day $13.88. The same disbursed to those that served. An order for $2.00 was given to Deacon W. O. Sykes on the superanuated treasurer. A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given the good people of Mt. Olive and Winn's Chapel Church for their liberal hospitality.

After some remarks by the Moderator we adjourned to meet with the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Lord day in October, 1932.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR 1932

The Introductory Sermon—Rev. R. W. Underwood, at 11:30 A. M.

Thursday Night, 8 P. M.—Missionary Sermon—Rev. C. C. Crawford.

Friday Morning, 11:30 A. M.—Sunday School Sermon—Rev. E. T. Jones.

Friday Night, 7:30 P. M.—Doctrinal Sermon—Rev. R. H. Hinton.

I must say, that the choir of the First Baptist Church, of Kinston, N. C. did render some charming music on Sunday at 11 o'clock for the benefit of the association and the people at large, at Mount Olive, N. C. They must have been a their best.

A. A. SMITH.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. A. A. SMITH, MODERATOR OF THE ASSOCIATION

WHEN WE LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER

How true it is that life has been given us that we may learn how to live. How to live as individuals having relationships with others and with the unseen and eternal life of world order.

To so live as to insure health, prosperity, progress and happiness for each and for all. T

As the transition is made from the arts of war to those of peace, the emphasis is shifting from the ideals of independence to those of interdependence. The ideals and challenges of interdependence are more exacting and mean more to mankind than those of independence.

As life became more complicated and diversified, personal freedom will more and more be interpreted in terms of social justice and well being.

We must now learn to see and live life steadily and see and live life whole.

It is impossible to accomplish much or get far in this vast undertaking without having some great and all commanding purpose by which to steer our course, and a philosophy of that purpose, such as set forth supremely in the faith, life and teachings of the humble Nazarene. Running all through the Gospel of Christ like a theme, running through a musical composition, there occurs only to recur with ever deepening intensity, the theme of our interdependence, based upon our inter-relationships, human and devine.

What ever else we ought to expect the Christian faith to do for us we must demand that it do for us at least three things.

First: The faith that man is a child of the living god ought and does make human life sacred.

Second: This faith ought and does make human relationships sacred.

Third: This faith ought and does make human conduct, the fruitage of faith sacred.

We do not have to read far into the New Testament to find many illustrations in the parables, discourses and examples of Jesus to prove that human life, human relationships and human conduct meant much to the Master.

These three-fold expressions of his faith were all summed up in the two Commandments of love to God and man; in how one should worship and obey God, how one should judge and treat and serve another, how one can injure another in thoughts, words and deeds.

According to Jesus for a man to injure or wrong any one it were better that a mill stone be hanged about his neck and he be cast into the sea.

I came not to be ministered unto but to minister. He who must be greatest among you, let him be servant of all.

Paul left the inspiration of this Gospel of love and service in his great chapter on faith, hope nad love, and elsewhere when he said, Love worketh no ill to any one's neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

It is true as the poet sings,
There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the life of others
Comes back into our own.

There is a mystery and a majesty about this, gospel of our interdependence, based upon our intrrelationships, human and divine, that we cannot get away trom and that we will not let us go.

We simply cannot get away from this faith and its obligations and compulsions in our lives any more than the child could get away from his home and parents. The late Dr. Burton at the time, president of Smith College, speaking of how closely human lives are interwoven told this charming story about his eight-year-old son:

One evening the little felow ran to him and said, Papa, I don't see why I must stay at home all the time and do what you and mama tell me to do. Why can't I go out into the city and do what I want to do?

Dr. Burton, while surprised and amused, being a wise educator as well as a fond parent, thought it best to encourage the lad and see what would come of it.

So he said to him—well, neither do I understand why you must stay here and do what your mama and I tell you to do. Here is my pocket book with some money in it that you may need.

The child, while showing signs of astonishment, took his father at his word. He ran upstairs, put some things into his small traveling bag and came back carrying it in one hand, his hat in tthe other and with his overcoat over his arm. As he approached his father, he said nothing, but looked up into his face with his round, wide-open eyes, full of unanswered questions. Finally, his father remarked, Why don't you want to go out into the city and do just what you want to do and not stay here all the time and do what papa and mama tell you to do. Still there was the look of unanswered questions in those wid-open eyes, and even when the question was repeated there was no response. After anothr silence a slight moisture appeared in his eyes and tears were about to fall, only then did he speak and relieve his pent-up feelings. And this is what he said, "Papa, I want to take mama with me."

Our Christian faith, and our experience and knowledge growing out of this faith, reveal and establish for us our relationships to God and to each other. In this Christian Gospel of our interpendence, based upon our inter-relationships, human and divine, as nowhere else, we find our vision and our task and we may be sure that the power of our faith will make our strength equal to our task; it is always so.

This gospel explains why we are bound together by such sacred streng and insoluble ties of kinship and friendship; it gives us a working philosophy of the Christian faith itself and furnishes us with a practical program for every day living. This gospel helps us to see and live life steadily and to see and live life whole, and also saves us from a meaningless and hopeless existence.

Learning to live is the greatest art in the world and its sublimest lessons are written cut for us in the Gospel of Christ.

Man only learns some of the arts of how to live after he has spent his best days. This is a gopel of faith in God that makes human life, human relationships, nd human conduct sacred.

When we become more proficient in this great art of learning how to live as individuals and as nations we shall discover for ourselves the hidden treasures that travent human understanding, we shall find our approach to the deepest and most abiding realities of life and like-

wise ours shall also be its divine compensations and unfilled rewards.

As an architect looks well to the laws of heat and cold and moisture and stress and strain in the work of construction, we have to do the same in character building. In doing so we have found that the same fundamental laws and principles that apply to individuals apply equally to communities and nations.

The individual is the unit of power and influence in the world of mankind. Social life is individual life written larger. International life is individual life written still larger. The Golden Rule, truth, justice, fidelity, love, peace, good will and service are just as indispensable in the conduct and affairs of nations as they are indispenasble in the conduct and affairs of individuals.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS

Brother Moderator we, your committee on officers beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend that all the officers of the association remain the same with the following exceptions: That the executive board shall be Rev. R. W. Pate, Brother J. S. Barnes, J. E. Bowden, H. C. Sutton, L. S. Swinson, W. J. Rogers, Fred Isler.

TRUSTEE BOARD

Rev. U. G. Moye, Brother J. H. Coor, J. G. Grantham, H. C. Carroll, C. C. Crawford, L. W. Cox, Charlie Loften.

LOCAL AND SURVEY COMMITTEE

A. A. Smith, E. K. Patterson, C. C. Crawford, E. C. Foye and Rev. C. C. Gillette.

Committee: C. J. Walls, E. C. Foye, G. F. Hood, H. C. Sutton, C. C. Williams, James Baker, A. W. Bizzell, L. L. Battle, C. H. Bryant.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Brother Moderator and Brethren, we, your Committee on Place beg leave to recommend for a next session, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., Thursday, Friday and Sunday before the 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1932.

Committee,

J. C. BARNES
ALLEN MITCHELL
W. M. WALTERS
FRED ISLER
J. W. WOOD

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

We, your Committee on Constitution beg leave to submit the following report: After carefully considering the Constitution, we recommend that it remains the same with the following addition, that Shaw University be the objective of the association.

Respectfully submitted—Your Committee,

REV. J. E. BOWDEN, Chairman
REV. U. G. MOYE,
REV. H. B. JOYNER
REV. T. T. WILLIAMS
REV. A. R. BRYANT
REV. R. W. UNDERWOOD
REV. C. C. GILLETTE
BROTHER LEVI THOMPSON
L. S. SWINSON
ROBERT SWINSON
G. F. HOOD

COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION

Brother Moderator and Brethren, we, your Committee on Ordination beg leave to submit our report. We find one applicant coming before us in the person of Brother Richard King. After carefully examining him we recommend him for a three months study course to be prescribed by the board after a completion his pastor and church be authorized to ordain him.

Your Committee,

REV. T. T. WILLIAMS
REV. E. M. SAUNDERS
REV. A. R. BRYANT
R. W. PATE
H. B. JOYNER
C. C. GILLETTE
R. W. UNDERWOOD
U. G. MOYE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN UNION

Brother Moderator and Delegates, we, the Western Ministers and Deacons Union beg leave to submit our annual report officers on roll 9. Ordain elders 10; deacons 16; annual members 4; churches 7. Collections for the year $69.01.

DISBURSEMENTS

For Charity Purposes	$ 8.55
Shaw University	1.25
To Association	52.00
Total Other Expense	53.21
Balance Cash on Hand	4.00
	$69.01

REV. H. B. JOYNER, President
J. C. BARNES, Clerk
J. C. BARNES, Delegate

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

October 10, 1931.

The various boards were called in extra session. The reports of the work of the year was submitted and approved by the board. Interest collected for the year as follows: E. K. Patterson, $60.00; Rev. A. A. Smith, $27.00.

The board appointed Brothers A. A. Smith, H. C. Sutton and Brother J. H. Coor, to investigate the bonds of Brother E. K. Patterson and Brother E. C. Foye.

Members of the board present:

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. J. E. BOWDEN	H. C. SUTTON
J. H. COOR	REV. R. W. PATE
L. W. COX	L. S. SWINSON
E. K. PATTERSON	W. J. ROGERS
E. C. FOYE	J. G. GRANTHAM
REV. T. T. WILLIAMS	H. C. CARROLL
REV. A. A. SMITH	CHARLIE LOFTEN

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brother Moderator and Brethrens, we, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit our report whereas we as Christians are the light of the world. We should be temperate in all things in speech, dress, drinking and earnestly pray that the time will come when intemperance will be blotted out and the Spirit of Jesus Christ dominate in the hearts of men and women.

GEORGE SPEIGHTS	MRS. DAISY WILLIAMS
J. E. BAKER	MISS LULA SMITH
T. A. ADAMS	BROTHER GEORGE B. EXUM

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Brother Moderator and Brethren, we, your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Collections as follows:

Representing Fees from Churches	$206.82
Women's Home Mission	3.50
Field Agent, Mrs. Daisy Williams	26.00
Western Union	2.00
Interest, E. K. Patterson	60.00
Interest, Rev. A. A. Smith	27.00
Total Money (Annual Fees and Pub. Col.)	79.81
	$405.13

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. COX
J. H. COOR
JULIUS GRANTHAM
T. I. PATTERSON, Secretary

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We, your committee wish to report we have no new churches com n.; before us.

Committee,

FRANK HOOD JOHNNY DAWSON C. C. WILLIAMS
JORDAN WRIGHT C. L. BATTLE D. A. WILLIAMS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother Moderator, I, your humble servant beg to submit my report. Brought forward from the last association $382.77. Received at this association $79.45. Respectfully submitted,

E. C. FOYE, Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith	$ 15 00
Vice Moderator, Rev. T. T. Williams	7.00
Clerk, E. K. Patterson	20 00
Corresponding Secretary, H. Draughn	5 00
Programs	5.00
Finance Committee	12.00
Preaching, Rev. B. F. Johnson	3 00
Preaching, Rev. U. G. Moye	3 00
Preaching, Rev. P. P. Parks	3.00
Board Meeting, L. S. Swinson	2 50
Board Meeting, H. C. Sutton	2.50
Board Meeting, H. C. Carroll	2 00
Board Meeting, J. E. Bowden	2.25
Board Meeting, J. H. Coor	2.25
Board Meeting, T. T. Williams	2.00
Board Meeting, A. A. Smith	3 00
Board Meeting,E. K. Patterson	3.00
Board Meeting, Charlie Loften	2 50
Insurance, E. K. Patterson	7.50
Work on School Building	13 10
Express on Minutes etc.	2 00
Distributing Minutes and Stationery	2 50
Delegate State Convention, A. A. Smith	15 00
Board Meeting, L. W. Cox	2.00
Board Meeting, W. J. Rogers	2 00
Board Meeting, E. C. Foye	3.00
Field Agent, Mrs. T. T. Williams	10 00
Taken for Dr. E. E. Smith to Rev. U. G. Moye	15 00
Shaw University	100 00
Donation Liberty Grove (A. W. Bizzell)	10 00
Donation Patterson Chapel (W. M. Vause)	7.50
Donation First Baptist Lucama (C. L. Battle)	5 00
Donation St. Stephen Deacons (G. F. Hood)	4.00
Donation J. H. Jones (U. G. Moye)	15 00
Donation J. H. Aycock (J. E. Bowden)	2.00
Donation Augustus Chapel (A. A. Smith)	5 00
Donation Winn's Chapel	4.00
C. W. Brown, preaching	3 00
E. M. Saunders	1 00
R. W. Pate	2 00
Councel Dawson (J. E. Bowden)	2.00
	$327 60
Balance from this session to treasurer	$ 79.45

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Brother Moderator, I, your Field Agent am very glad that I am permitted to submit to you my annual report. I must say first, since our last meeting many conflicts have been passed fighting without and fears within, but out of all the Lord has brought us by his power. I can truly say bless the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all of his benefits. Now I have done little work this year, ownig to the unavoidable circumstances that surrounded me. I am asking your prayers that these handicaps be overcome that I may go forth into the Master's vineyard doing with my might what my hands find to do.

Again I wish to thank you for your interest in me and prayers during my illness.

Ebenezer, LaGrange, N. C. Collectd	$ 1.50
R. W. Pate, Pastor, St Stephen, Goldsboro,	1.03
C. C. Gillette, Pastor, Hooks Grove, Pikesville	1.00
J. E. Bowden, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Saulston	2.65
C. C. Gillette Pastor Barns Chapel, Rosewood	5.00
T. T. Williams, Pastor the New Sunday School that Represented In the Sunday School Convention near Eureka	.75
First Baptist Church, McCullers	6.00
Rev. H. W. Williams, Pastor, First Baptist Eureka	.50
Willie Bryant, Pastor	7.50
	$26.50

Humbly submitted,
SISTER T. T. WILLIAMS

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors should encourage Christian Education to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sunday School in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teaching of the word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordaind ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $2.00 annually. Licentiate ministers $1.00 annually. Ordained deacons 50 cents annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of $2 down and $2.00 annually thereafter; said monies to maintain a superannuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certi-

fying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of seven members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of this body; in observance of the Constitution preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon to give the cating vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, correspondnig Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of the Association, and make report to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association of any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of any church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose and if received the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing twenty-five (25c) cents per member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, except that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Doctrinal, and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Choir.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control

of the legal business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

AMENDMENT

Resolved that Shaw University be the Objective of this Associatoin.

All monies raised during the year between the sittings of the Association by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

Art. 21. Th at there be an amendment to the effect that all churches be urged to give each fifth Sunday in the interest of the Unions.

Fees of Deacons shall be 25 cnts quarterly to the Union.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED APPLICANTS WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the gospel?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?
8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to be saved?

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such othr person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceednigs of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.

3 The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4.No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderatcr.

6 All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition

shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.

8. Reports of standing committees.

jority may move to reconsider.

9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.

10. No member shall present himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Enrollment of members.
2. Declaration of business.
3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Read Church Letters.
6. Petitionery Letters of New Churches.
7. Appoint corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of standnig committees.
9. Report of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Adjournment.

For applicants who apply for ordination.

Applicants for ordination must be proficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic work of the Bible and Theology.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the ..... Missionary Baptist Church, at ..... do send greetings to the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association:

Number of Members .....

Number received by baptism .....

Number received by Letter .....

Received by Experience .....

Excommunicated .....

Dismissed by Letter .....

Deceased .....

Days of Worship .....

Funds sent up ..... $.....

Value of Church Property ..... $.....

Pastor's Salary ..... $.....

Donated to McDaniel School ..... $.....

Donated to Foreign Missions ..... $.....

Donated to Home Missions ..... $.....

Number of Sunday School Scholars baptized .....

Number of Male Members .....

Number of Female Members .....

Done by order of the ..... Baptist Church, this ..... day of ....., 193.....

Pastor .....

Post Office .....

Clerk .....

Post Office .....

Dr. C. S. Brown,
Winton N. C.